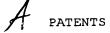
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For : INTERLEUKIN 1β PROTEASE AND INTERLEUKIN 1β PROTEASE INHIBITORS

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a $\boxed{\times}$ continuation, $\boxed{\cdot}$ divisional, application of pending prior Application No. 09/039,657, filed March 16, 1998.

CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Transmitted herewith for filing are the X specification; X claims; abstract; X declaration; X power of attorney; for the above-identified patent application.

The enclosed declaration is:

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Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).

A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

The prior application, Application No. 09/039,657, filed March 16, 1998, is assigned of record to Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated.

Also transmitted herewith are:

6 sheets of:

X Formal drawings.

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filed during the per	ndency of this application.

Ш	An associate power of attorney.	
	A certified copy of the priority document,	_•

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. $\S\S$ 1.9 and 1.27 \square is enclosed, \boxtimes was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired (37 C.F.R. \S 1.28(a)).

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

FOR	NUMBER FILED				NUMBER EXTRA		RATE		FEE
BASIC FEE		-							\$ 345.00
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A check in the amount of \$840.00 in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

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